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SPINAL CORD CONTUSIONS AND OTHER CAUSES
Inventors: Richard J. Zeman and Joseph D. Etlinger
Our File: 63653/6

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following documents for filing with the above-identified utility patent application in the names of Richard J. Zeman and Joseph D. Etlinger, entitled TREATING NEURAL CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM SPINAL CORD CONTUSIONS AND OTHER CAUSES, comprising the following:

1. Reply Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 responding to June 18, 2003 Office Action (4 pages); and
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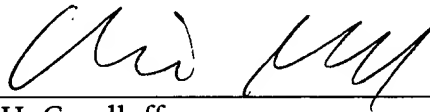
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This Reply responds to the Office Action of June 18, 2003. Since this Reply is due on September 18, 2003, it is timely filed.

Remarks

Applicants note with appreciation the withdrawal of the previous rejections under 35 USC 102(b) and 35 USC 103. The following remarks are addressed to the newly entered rejections under 35 USC 102(a) and 35 USC 103(a). To support the remarks that follow, applicants also submit a Declaration of the Inventors, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.131, and consistent with the law established in *In re Katz*, 215 USPQ 14 (CCPA 1982), establishing that Zeman et al., Experimental Neurology 159:267-273 (1999) ("Zeman et